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Grand opening of our centre for people with disability in Church Street, Wollongong

Interchange Illawarra is excited to be hosting an official opening ceremony for their new purpose-built community centre and office located at 114 Church Street, Wollongong.

This very special ceremony celebrates the completion of the centre and a significant milestone in Interchange Illawarra's 43+ year history.

'We are thrilled to be hosting an official opening ceremony to celebrate the culmination of many years of planning,' said CEO, Jake Pearson. 'Interchange Illawarra's new centre increases our capacity to offer even more supported activities for people with disabilities.'

The centre comprises of a modern, open plan space for people with a disability to receive individual or group-based support with office accommodation upstairs. The building has been designed with high energy efficiency standards incorporating solar power. It is fully accessible with a lift, accessible bathrooms and features indoor and outdoor areas for participants to enjoy.

'Our new BestLife Support Program has commenced in the centre and offers activities like fishing, Zumba, bushwalking, craft, computer and budgeting skills,' said CEO, Jake Pearson. 'It is especially great to see the modern accessible kitchen being utilised for the cooking program, which is assisting participants to practice independent living skills.'

The official opening ceremony on Friday 4 April 2025 will be attended by Interchange participants, parents, carers, staff and board members, as well as members of the Illawarra Disability Alliance. Long-time supporter of Interchange, Alison Byrnes MP, Federal Member for Cunningham, will also be in attendance.

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About Interchange Illawarra:

Interchange Illawarra is a not for profit, community based, registered NDIS organisation providing quality flexible supports for people with disabilities. We have been in operation for over 43 years with particular expertise in working with people who have Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and/or intellectual disabilities. We are proud of our Parents/Carer Health and Wellbeing Program that helps to support parents and carers of Interchange Illawarra participants.

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